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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PDIP SWEL CN US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHARGE TO COMOROS

REFS: A) TANANARIVE 663; B) POST-BARRETT TELECON APRIL 11;
C) BRUSSELS 3441

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EFFORTS TO AID THE COMOROS' RECOVERY

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